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The current dataset of interview transcripts on Austria is part of the ELEMENTAL project, headed by Anna Kristina Hultgren (PI), investigating the reasons for the use and rise of English for academic programmes, i.e., English as a medium of instruction (EMI), at higher education institutions in Europe within the context of their governance. It belongs to a collection of case studies from several European countries, accessible from: [https://doi.org/0.21954/ou.rd.c.7215450](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdoi.org%2F0.21954%2Fou.rd.c.7215450&data=05%7C02%7Cmarion.nao%40open.ac.uk%7C4ef9d5d953374c13fa4c08dc6b3eac37%7C0e2ed45596af4100bed3a8e5fd981685%7C0%7C0%7C638503164140351133%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=40EaHg65vWWXjGRg3W1CzYjyyYOO%2FmL76CMMRd%2BltrM%3D&reserved=0). The research was funded by UKRI under a Future Leaders Fellowship [grant reference: MR/T021500/1]. Further details of the project and resulting outputs can be viewed at the UKRI project webpage: <https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=MR%2FT021500%2F1>.

The Austria dataset comprises transcripts of semi-structured interviews between a project researcher and three types of participants: participants (P) of a case study university; an independent expert (E) without case study university affiliation; and participants who hold or have held ministerial roles (M). In total, the collection contains 18 transcripts involving 19 participants, all of whom gave consent for the OU deposit of their deidentified transcripts.

The interviews were conducted online between 2022-2023. They lasted between 45-80 mins, averaging at around one hour. A key to transcription conventions is provided at the beginning of each participant transcript.

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| List of transcripts | |
| Participant  Identifier | Participant type |
| E1 | Independent expert |
| M1 | Ministerial participant |
| M2 | Ministerial participant |
| P1 | Case study university participant |
| P2 | Case study university participant |
| P3 | Case study university participant |
| P4 & P5 | Case study university participants |
| P6 | Case study university participant |
| P7 | Case study university participant |
| P8 | Case study university participant |
| P9 | Case study university participant |
| P10 | Case study university participant |
| P11 | Case study university participant |
| P12 | Case study university participant |
| P13 | Case study university participant |
| P14 | Case study university participant |
| P15 | Case study university participant |
| P16 | Case study university participant |